GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REPRESENTATION OF C.O.S.C. ON CABINET COMMITTEE ON S.C.M.
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of the Staff Committee of the Armed Forces (COSC) has sought representation on the Cabinet Committee on Security and Crisis Management Group; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee had suggested that the presence of Service Chiefs in the meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security be institutionalized and the Vice-Chiefs of the three Services be made members of the National Crisis Management Committee. The existing institutional arrangements for ensuring optimal utilization of the national resources including those at the disposal of the Armed Forces for crisis management and the practice of the Chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Defence Secretary being in attendance in the meetings of the Cabinet Committee on Security on `as required` basis are considered adequate.